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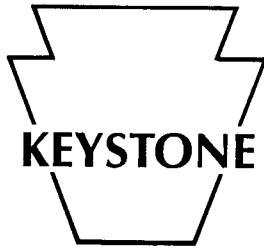
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Pennsylvania Winter Wheat Production

Based on June 1 conditions, **Pennsylvania's** 2005 production of winter wheat is expected to be 31 percent above 2004. Winter wheat production in Pennsylvania is forecast at 8.67 million bushels, up 31 percent from last year's production of 6.62 million bushels. Farmers expect to harvest 170,000 acres with an average yield of 51.0 bushels per acre.

U.S. winter wheat production for 2005 is forecast at 1.55 billion bushels based on crop conditions as of June 1. This is down 3 percent from the May 1 forecast, but 3 percent above 2004. Based on June 1 conditions, the U.S. yield is forecast at 44.1 bushels per acre, down 1.3 bushels from the previous forecast. Grain area totals 35.1 million acres, unchanged from May 1.

Milk Production

Milk production in **Pennsylvania** during May 2005 totaled 946 million pounds, 5.8 percent above last May's production of 894 million pounds. The number of milk cows in the state during the month averaged 565,000 head, up 2,000 head from the revised April 2005 number of 563,000 and 8,000 head more than May 2004. The April 2005 Milk production estimate for Pennsylvania was revised. Milk production in April was 901 million pounds an increase of 6 million pounds from the previous April 2005 estimate. Production per cow averaged 1,675 pounds, up 75 pounds from April and 70 pounds more than May 2004.

Milk production in the **23 states surveyed** during May totaled 14.2 billion pounds, up 4.4 percent from May 2004. April revised production, at 13.6 billion pounds was up 3.4 percent from April 2004. The April revision represented an increase of 35 million pounds from last month's preliminary production. Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,754 pounds for May, 62 pounds above May 2004. The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.12 million head, 54,000 head more than May 2004 and 9,000 head more than April 2005.

PRODUCTION OF SELECTED DAIRY PRODUCTS

Products	Apr 2004	Mar 2005	Apr 2005
000 Lbs.			
PENNSYLVANIA			
Butter	6,369	6,373	6,439
Ice Cream	3,121	3,587	3,664
UNITED STATES			
Butter	100,324	122,135	115,467
Cheese:			
American Types	325,060	331,544	331,352
Swiss	24,422	24,088	23,488
Brick and Muenster	6,810	6,319	5,862
Cream and Neufchatel	59,807	59,691	47,349
Mozzarella	250,697	269,487	248,761
Other Italian	59,378	71,045	65,614
Total Italian Types	310,075	340,532	314,375
All Other	22,738	22,422	27,388
Total	761,046	799,304	763,908
NF Dry Milk, Human	134,011	109,049	108,789
Yogurt, Plain & Flavored	226,545	265,285	251,960
000 Gal.			
FROZEN PRODUCTS:			
Ice Cream, Hard	76,836	78,232	77,691
Ice Cream, Lowfat	39,687	36,580	36,074
Ice Cream, Nonfat	2,009	1,670	1,602
Sherbet, Hard	4,665	4,915	4,911
Frozen Yogurt, Total	6,369	6,010	5,353
MIX FOR PRODUCTS:			
Ice Cream Mix	44,817	42,578	43,349
Ice Cream Mix, Lowfat	21,031	20,274	19,981
Ice Cream Mix, Nonfat	1,625	1,225	1,282
Sherbet Mix	3,411	3,190	3,336
Yogurt Mix	3,603	3,535	3,149

MILK COWS & MILK PRODUCTION

Item	Unit	Pennsylvania			23 States		
		May 2004	Apr 2005	May 2005	May 2004	Apr 2005	May 2005
Milk Cows	Thous.	557	563	565	8,064	8,109	8,118
Milk Per Cow	Lbs.	1,605	1,600	1,675	1,692	1,683	1,754
Milk Production	Mil. Lbs.	894	901	946	13,641	13,647	14,240

Pennsylvania: Winter Wheat - Acreage, Yield, Production and Value, 2004 ¹

County & District	Planted	Harvested	Yield	Production	Value of Production ²
	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Bushels</i>	<i>Bushels</i>	<i>Dollars</i>
Adams	12,000	11,600	43.4	503,400	
Allegheny	1,300	1,200	43.1	51,700	
Armstrong	600	500	43.4	21,700	
Bedford	900	800	43.0	34,400	
Berks	8,000	7,900	52.3	413,000	
Bucks	2,300	2,300	52.0	119,700	
Butler	1,900	1,800	43.9	79,100	
Cambria	2,000	1,900	51.2	97,300	
Centre	2,600	2,500	52.8	131,900	
Chester	4,400	4,300	58.1	250,000	
Clinton	700	700	57.1	40,000	D
Columbia	4,600	4,500	57.0	256,700	A
Crawford	1,000	1,000	38.0	38,000	T
Cumberland	5,800	5,300	45.3	239,900	A
Dauphin	4,100	4,000	45.1	180,200	
Erie	1,900	1,800	35.7	64,300	
Fayette	500	500	42.0	21,000	N
Franklin	6,100	5,700	52.6	300,000	O
Fulton	1,300	1,100	40.3	44,300	T
Huntingdon	1,000	1,000	54.0	54,000	
Indiana	1,400	1,400	40.9	57,200	
Juniata	1,400	1,400	46.1	64,600	Y
Lancaster	7,100	6,900	56.5	390,000	E
Lawrence	2,100	2,100	41.9	88,000	T
Lebanon	7,200	7,100	53.3	378,600	
Lehigh	5,300	5,200	48.1	250,000	
Luzerne	1,000	1,000	45.3	45,300	A
Lycoming	1,600	1,500	51.1	76,600	V
Mercer	2,400	2,400	46.9	112,500	A
Mifflin	1,100	1,000	53.0	53,000	I
Monroe	600	600	43.3	26,000	L
Montgomery	1,500	1,500	53.8	80,700	A
Montour	1,100	1,000	48.9	48,900	B
Northampton	4,800	4,800	49.0	235,000	L
Northumberland	3,300	3,200	50.1	160,300	E
Perry	2,700	2,600	43.7	113,700	
Potter	700	700	51.9	36,300	
Schuylkill	3,700	3,700	45.5	168,300	
Snyder	1,500	1,400	45.5	63,700	
Union	1,600	1,500	49.5	74,300	
Westmoreland	1,500	1,400	42.9	60,000	
York	19,400	18,500	50.3	931,000	
Northwestern, Other Counties	200	200	41.0	8,200	
North Central, Other Counties	500	400	47.8	19,100	
Northeastern, Other Counties	500	400	40.0	16,000	
West Central, Other Counties	700	700	40.4	28,300	
Central, Other Counties	500	500	46.8	23,400	
East Central, Other Counties	600	600	42.3	25,400	
Southwestern, Other Counties	1,000	900	44.4	40,000	
Northwestern	5,500	5,400	41.3	223,000	
North Central	3,500	3,300	52.1	172,000	
Northeastern	500	400	40.0	16,000	
West Central	8,000	7,700	42.3	326,000	
Central	27,500	26,500	49.9	1,322,000	
East Central	16,000	15,900	47.2	750,000	
Southwestern	3,000	2,800	43.2	121,000	
South Central	45,500	43,000	47.7	2,053,000	
Southeastern	30,500	30,000	54.4	1,632,000	
Pennsylvania	140,000	135,000	49.0	6,615,000	

¹ Counties not shown separately included in 'Other Counties' for that specific district. ² Value of production based on final State marketing year average price.

Pennsylvania: Soybeans - Acreage, Yield, Production and Value, 2004 ¹

County & District	Planted	Harvested	Yield	Production	Value of Production ²
	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Bushels</i>	<i>Bushels</i>	<i>Dollars</i>
Adams	20,300	20,000	43.2	864,000	
Allegheny	400	400	37.0	14,800	
Armstrong	3,000	3,000	42.0	126,000	
Beaver	1,200	1,100	32.4	35,600	
Bedford	3,100	3,000	48.0	144,000	
Berks	24,200	24,200	51.0	1,234,200	
Blair	2,700	2,700	45.0	121,500	
Bradford	1,200	900	50.6	45,500	
Bucks	10,000	9,600	47.0	451,200	
Butler	4,200	4,000	30.0	120,000	
Carbon	700	700	35.7	25,000	
Centre	9,100	9,100	45.0	409,500	
Chester	16,600	16,500	49.0	808,200	
Clarion	1,300	1,200	50.0	60,000	
Clinton	3,100	3,000	42.9	128,600	D
Columbia	13,300	13,300	45.3	602,800	A
Crawford	10,000	9,700	46.5	450,700	T
Cumberland	12,300	12,000	50.3	603,100	A
Dauphin	11,700	11,700	49.8	583,100	
Erie	9,000	9,000	37.1	333,500	
Fayette	2,000	2,000	37.5	75,000	N
Franklin	15,600	15,500	50.6	784,300	O
Fulton	700	600	45.0	27,000	T
Huntingdon	3,000	3,000	44.0	132,000	
Indiana	8,200	7,700	36.5	281,000	
Jefferson	1,800	1,700	47.8	81,300	
Juniata	5,600	5,600	42.4	237,600	Y
Lancaster	27,500	27,400	56.0	1,534,400	E
Lawrence	5,300	5,300	53.4	282,900	T
Lebanon	15,000	15,000	50.3	754,500	
Lehigh	16,800	16,800	43.7	734,000	
Luzerne	2,600	2,600	40.5	105,300	A
Lycoming	7,700	6,700	49.3	330,300	V
Mercer	11,600	11,500	41.2	473,500	A
Mifflin	4,000	4,000	45.0	180,000	I
Monroe	2,100	2,000	36.5	73,000	L
Montgomery	3,400	3,300	48.0	158,400	A
Montour	6,500	6,400	41.7	267,000	B
Northampton	13,800	13,800	41.2	568,300	L
Northumberland	23,300	23,300	44.9	1,046,800	E
Perry	7,700	7,600	44.5	338,200	
Pike	500	500	46.6	23,300	
Schuylkill	8,000	8,000	45.0	360,000	
Snyder	8,500	8,500	44.0	374,000	
Somerset	2,000	1,900	36.0	68,400	
Union	10,900	10,900	45.0	490,000	
Venango	1,000	1,000	48.8	48,800	
Washington	1,800	1,800	36.0	64,800	
Westmoreland	7,300	7,300	43.9	320,200	
York	46,000	45,900	45.5	2,088,200	
Northwestern, Other Counties	400	400	36.8	14,700	
North Central, Other Counties	500	400	29.3	11,700	
Northeastern, Other Counties	500	500	46.0	23,000	
Central, Other Counties	700	700	45.3	31,700	
Southwestern, Other Counties	300	300	17.0	5,000	
Northwestern	32,000	31,600	41.8	1,321,200	
North Central	12,500	11,000	46.9	516,100	
Northeastern	500	500	46.0	23,000	
West Central	25,000	24,000	41.1	986,800	
Central	107,000	106,800	45.1	4,814,200	
East Central	44,500	44,400	42.5	1,888,900	
Southwestern	13,500	13,400	40.5	543,200	
South Central	98,000	97,000	46.5	4,510,600	
Southeastern	97,000	96,300	51.4	4,946,000	
Pennsylvania	430,000	425,000	46.0	19,550,000	

¹ Counties not shown separately included in 'Other Counties' for that specific district. ² Value of production based on final State marketing year average price.

MAPLE SYRUP: TAPS, YIELDS, PRODUCTION, PRICE & VALUE BY STATES & U.S., 2004 - 2005

State	Number of Taps		Yield per Tap		Production		Average Price per Gallon		Value of Production	
	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005
	<i>1,000 Taps</i>		<i>Gallons</i>		<i>1,000 Gallons</i>		<i>Dollars</i>		<i>1,000 Dollars</i>	
CT	62	63	0.177	0.159	11	10	48.60	51.70	486	569
ME	1,290	1,300	0.225	0.204	290	265	22.50	19.40	6,413	5,626
MA	235	240	0.213	0.167	50	40	41.90	46.30	1,550	2,315
MI	370	390	0.216	0.149	80	58	31.20	38.00	1,841	3,040
NH	360	365	0.231	0.156	83	57	43.00	35.40	2,580	2,938
NY	1,345	1,420	0.190	0.156	255	222	26.80	28.20	5,628	7,191
OH	405	355	0.193	0.194	78	69	35.10	32.00	1,790	2,496
PA	404	428	0.149	0.143	60	61	27.40	29.00	1,425	1,740
VT	2,100	2,140	0.238	0.192	500	410	27.80	27.30	11,676	13,650
WI	385	400	0.260	0.125	100	50	29.10	32.30	2,212	3,230
US	6,956	7,101	0.217	0.175	1,507	1,242	28.30	28.40	35,601	42,795

MAPLE SYRUP

Pennsylvania's 2005 maple syrup production is estimated at 61,000 gallons, up 2 percent from last year's production of 60,000 gallons. The value of the syrup produced in 2004 is estimated at \$1.74 million, up from the \$1.43 million in the year 2003.

The number of taps in Pennsylvania totaled 428,000 during 2005 compared with 404,000 taps the year before. Pennsylvania's yield for the year 2005 averaged 0.143 gallons per tap, down from the 0.149 gallons per tap last year.

Nationally, maple syrup production in 2005 totaled 1.24 million gallons, down 18 percent from 2004. The number of taps is estimated at 7.10

million, up 2 percent from the 2004 total of 6.96 million, while the yield per tap is estimated to be 0.175 gallons, down 19 percent from 2004.

The 2005 season lasted an average of 24 days. This compares to 30 days in 2004. Sugar content of the sap for 2005 was higher than last year. Approximately 40 gallons of sap was required to produce on gallon of syrup. This compares with 42 gallons in 2004 and 41 gallons in 2003. Overall, more light syrup was produced than last year but most was of medium color.

The 2004 U.S. average price per gallon was \$28.40, up \$0.10 from the 2003 price of \$28.30. The U.S. value of production, at \$42.8 million for 2004, was 20 percent above 2003.

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